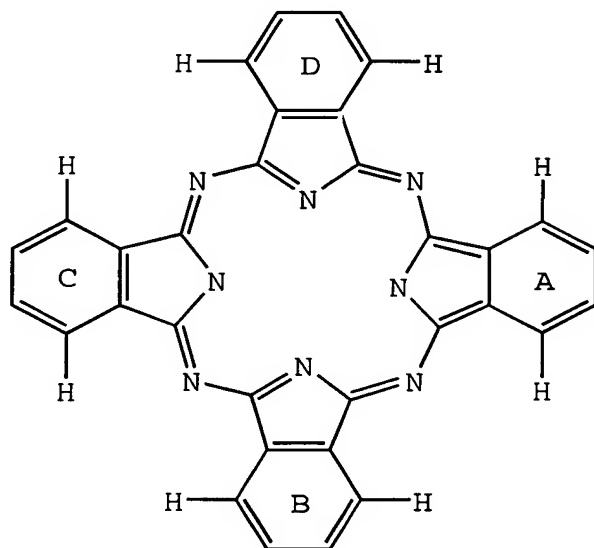


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 4, with the following:

Formula (III):



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Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

~~To provide a~~ A novel compound having sufficiently high fastness to light, heat, humidity and active gas in the environment and a coloring composition using the compound, particularly, an ink for ink jet recording, an ink jet recording method and a method for improving the preservability of formed image, which can form an image having high fastness to light and ozone gas in the environment. A phthalocyanine dye mixture having a specific structure and an ink, an ink for ink jet recording, an ink jet recording method and a method for improving the preservability of formed image, using the phthalocyanine dye mixture.